

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Paragraph 1 at page 1, line 5 after the heading "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" has been replaced with:

This application is a divisional of Application Serial No. 10/352,745 filed January 28, 2003, now U.S. Patent 6,696,431 which in turn is a divisional of Application Serial No. 10/001,711 filed October 31, 2001, which in turn is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/540,686 filed March 31, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,392,071, which in turn is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/370,966 filed August 10, 1999, now abandoned, which in turn is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/151,113 filed September 10, 1998, now U.S. Patent 5,936,133, which in turn is a divisional of Application Serial No. 08/819,693 filed March 17, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,843,928.

Please replace paragraph 22 at page 11 with:

The preparation of 1 $\alpha$ -hydroxy-2-alkylidene-19-nor-vitamin D compounds, particularly 1 $\alpha$ -hydroxy-2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D compounds, having the basic structure I can be accomplished by a common general method, i.e. the condensation of a bicycle Windaus-Grudmann type ketone II with the allylic phosphine oxide III to the corresponding 2-methylene-19-nor-vitamin D analogs IV followed by deprotection at C-1 and C-3 in the latter compounds:

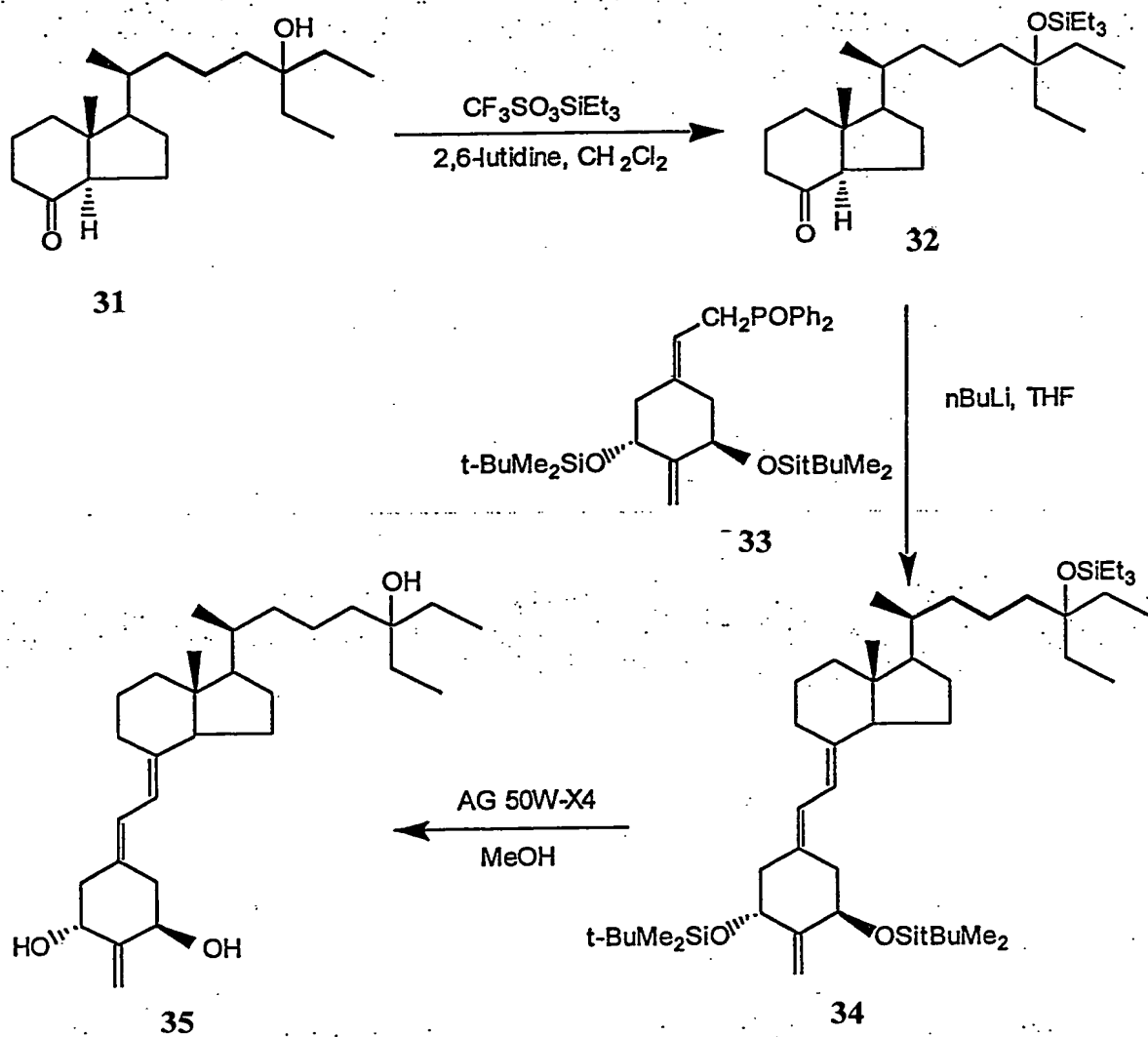
Please replace Table 4, at page 28 with:

Table 4. Support of Intestinal Calcium Transport and Bone Calcium Mobilization by 2-Substituted Analogs of 20(S)-1 $\alpha$ ,25-Dihydroxy-26,27-dihomo-19-norvitamin D<sub>3</sub> in Vitamin D-Deficient Rats on a Low-Calcium Diet<sup>a</sup>

Compound	Compd. no.	Amount (pmol)	Ca Transport S/M (mean $\pm$ SEM)	Serum Ca (mean $\pm$ SEM)
none (control)		0	2.7 $\pm$ 0.3 <sup>b</sup>	4.7 $\pm$ 0.2 <sup>b</sup>
1 $\alpha$ ,25-(OH) <sub>2</sub> D <sub>3</sub>		260	7.2 $\pm$ 0.6 <sup>c</sup>	5.6 $\pm$ 0.2 <sup>c</sup>
2-methylene-26,27-dihomo-	35	15	4.0 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup>d1</sup>	5.3 $\pm$ 0.1 <sup>d1</sup>
19-nor-20(S)-1 $\alpha$ ,25-(OH) <sub>2</sub> D <sub>3</sub>		32	8.2 $\pm$ 0.6 <sup>d2</sup>	7.3 $\pm$ 0.4 <sup>d2</sup>

Please replace Scheme III at page 41 and Scheme IV at page 42 as follows:

SCHEME III



SCHEME IV

